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DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT

Philippines*: draft resolution

Desertification and drought

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/175 of 21 December 1993 in which it recalled the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development set forth in chapter 12, entitled "Managing fragile ecosystems: combating desertification and drought", of Agenda 21 1/ and took note of the recommendation contained in paragraph 38.27 of Agenda 21 and of decision 93/33 of 18 June 1993 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 2/

Noting the work being undertaken under the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolution Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 15 (E/1993/35), annex I.

Recalling its resolution 48/175, in which it recalled the appeals to the United Nations Development Programme to the United Nations Environment Programme to continue and strengthen their cooperation in combating desertification, notably through support for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office by the joint venture programme,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of its resolution 48/175, 3/

Expressing its concern at the present level of resources available to relevant United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, to support activities to combat desertification and mitigate drought in all affected developing countries and regions,

1. Welcomes the efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Development Programme to strengthen their cooperation in combating desertification through the United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Development Programme partnership to combat desertification;

2. Renews its appeal to Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations, including the International Monetary Fund, as well as non-governmental organizations, to make contributions to relevant United Nations bodies, including, the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, to strengthen their capacity to support activities to combat desertification and mitigate drought in all affected developing countries and regions;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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